WEST END BULLETIN

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TAMESIDES *FIRST* COMMUNITY PAPER

200 KIDS DIG PLAYSCHEME

UNACCOUNTABLE TORIES

WEB would like to apologise to its readers for not giving the replies to the questions put to Councillors on the front page of the last issue, as promised. In this WEB we were hoping to run a local election campaign story in which the issues vital to people in the West End would be discussed by prospective Councillors.
However, when we approached the Tories they would not co-operate and refused to give an interview.

not biased

Despite the fact that Labour were prepared to give us an interview we decided not to run the story, as it may have been seen to be biased.
The Conservative member we spoke to said that they did not need any free publicity because their record was known well enough to people in the West End.

WEB HOPES THIS IS SO BECAUSE WHETHER OR NOT, WEST ENDERS HAVE TO DECIDE HOW TO VOTE WITHOUT THE INFORMATION THEY MIGHT HAVE HAD. WHICH IS SAD. PERHAPS THIS IS JUST ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF COUNCILLORS LACK OF OPENNESS WHEN DEALING WITH THE PUBLIC AND, EVEN IN THIS 'DEMOCRACY' THEIR LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY.

ABORTION ACTION

A doctor at Tameside General Hospital has stopped practising menstrual extraction abortion because he was threatened with prosecution. Menstrual extraction is a safe and simple method of abortion, involving no surgery, which can only be performed very early in pregnancy.
Patients do not have to stay in hospital. Notification that abortion had been carried out was made for all the women treated, although in fact not all of them were pregnant (early in pregnancy it is not always easy to be certain). And, this is the legal loophole which has tripped up the service;
SPUC (Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child) complained that the doctor was misrepresenting the treatment by completing abortion forms for women who

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Play-scheme

FRONT COVER PICTURE

The main theme of the Easter activities at the Playscheme was building techniques. Although the weather was against us for the first week it brightened up later. Anyone passing Victoria St. could have counted up to 200 kids a day, either on the inflatable (for which we would like to thank Mr. Patel 'Fradis', Hamer Close for the free use of his electricity) or digging holes up to 8ft. deep on the adventure playground.

constructive

The kids really enjoyed this and were there from first thing in the morning until last thing at night.
Surely this is how they should be using their energies, in a constructive way, being supervised and not getting into trouble.

less accidents

One parent said "Before the playscheme started the police were at my door every other day with complaints about my son, but now they never need to come near. We always know where he is and what he is doing".
This is what it is all about. Sadly, there was one minor accident, but this was a drastic drop on the usual holiday figures for this area.
The building project is now winding up, with the prospect of a bigger and better one for summer.
We would like to thank the Recreation Dept., Ashton Lime Co., Parker Internat.,& Ryder Truck Rental for donations of equipment and materials for the project.

6 MONTH WAIT DAMPS HOPES

Last July, Connie Chisnall moved back into her newly modernised house in Bennett St. She was thrilled with everything, and in no time at all she'd had the house re-decorated throughout.
The work had cost £4,000, but Connie felt that it had been worth every penny - that is, until the winter set in.
Her nightmare began when she noticed a few dark patches appearing on her new wall-paper in the corner of the back bedroom.

spreading damp

At first she thought no more about it, but by the middle of November it was clearly spreading and she began to get worried. It could not possibly be damp because she'd had all the improvements - or so she thought.
But when she noticed that there were a few dark spots appearing at the bottom of her staircase she realised that something was wrong.
The empty house next door which shared the party wall where the damp was appearing, was owned by Oldham & Tameside Housing Association.
At the end of November Connie decided that she'd had enough, so she contacted the Area Improvement Group to see what they thought of the problem. They duly visited and went away saying they would look into it.
Meanwhile, the dark sprawling patches were getting worse. People came and people went, there was a lot of chin-rubbing and thinking - but no action, which was what Connie wanted.
The Area Improvement Group and the Housing Association were working together on it, she was told.

January and February crept into March and still nothing had happened, but by now the wallpaper in the bedroom had come away from the wall completely and she'd had to move all her furniture.
April is now here, and still nothing has been done.

work to be done

"You've no idea how upset I am by all this" said Connie.
"I've tried everything but I just don't seem to be getting anywhere. The Housing Assoc. say they will do the necessary work, but only when the weather improves. Meanwhile, what am I meant to do - wait? I cannot stand it any longer. If nothing happens soon, I tell you, I am pretty close to packing my bags and leaving for good."

support

We would like to make it clear that the purpose of printing this unfortunate story is to try and get something done for Connie. WEB has always supported the work of the Area Improvement Group and we feel that the long-term future for an area like the West End depends upon radical housing improvement schemes.

STOP PRESS

Just as we were going to press Connie told us that some scaffolding has gone up next door.

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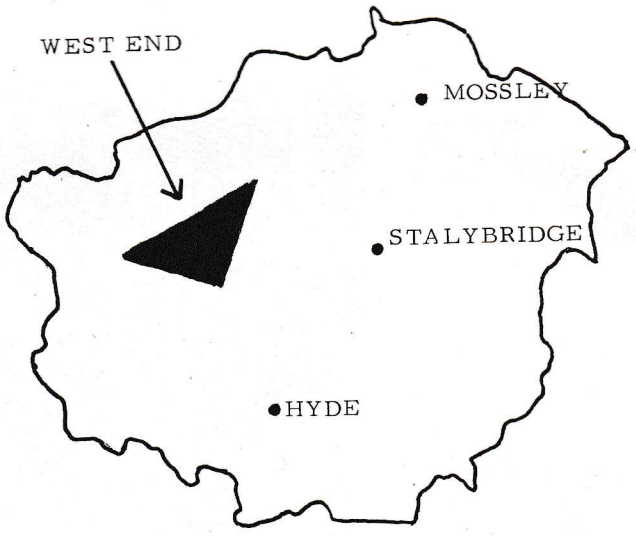
research shows we are tameside blackspot

top again

The West End has once again come out on top! Top, that is, of a list that indicates the area in Tameside with the most 'social problems'. The figures, that have emerged from a recent research project carried out in Tameside, show that the poor old West End trails far behind every other area.

The project took the figures for the number of people claiming free school meals and clothing allowance, the number of people suffering from mental illness, the number of people living in overcrowded conditions and the number of households lacking basic amenities (like hot water etc.)



less mental illness

Although we may not be the worst in every case (Hattersley, for example, has more mental illness than us) the project lumped these figures together and came up with the fact that the West End is way, way behind everywhere else.

more to come

And apparently that's not all, throughout the whole survey the West End was continually trailing the rest of the field, whether it was figures for unemployment, car ownership, house ownership, or figures relating to 'stress areas'.

no change?

With Politicians these days clamouring for preserving the 'status quo' one wonders whether that means the West End has got to make do with what it hasn't got. Apparently the rainfall figures are pretty high for us around here, but even WEB doesn't expect the Politicians to be able to do anything about that!!

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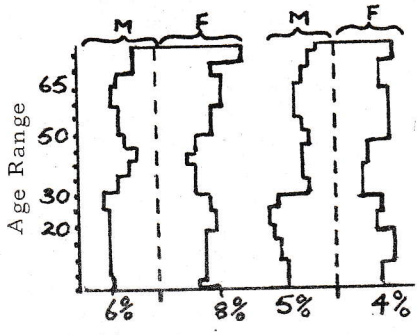
Population Breakdown of the West End



% of the age groups
SOUTH NORTH
of Stockport Road

LOCAL LADS PLAN SKATEBOARD PARK

Some of the lads involved in negotiations with the Council. 'We will be happy and grateful if we get a skate-park in the West End', they say. 'We will appreciate all the help we can get'.

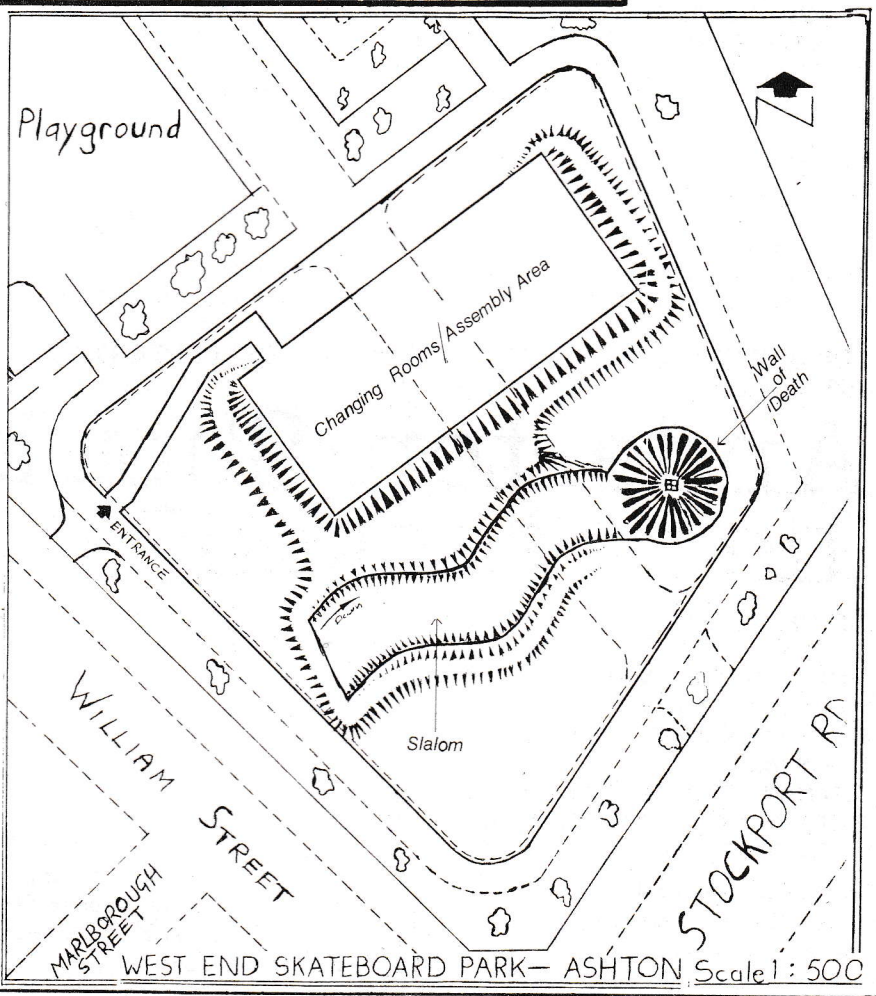
Skatequotes

'...one day someone is going to get run over, we do not want this to happen...'

'Stalybridge Skatebowl...is a long way to go when you live in the West End. Then there is the trouble of bullies and big-heads. So we never go to the bowl.' Two West End Skaters.

how the plan was made

The West End Skateboarders have attended regular meetings with Graham Ward from the Recreation Dept. about a Skateboard park in the West End. The great thing is Eric Williamson, Roy Sandiford and Dave (Robo) Roberts have designed this bowl and free style area themselves and it will go before the Recreation Services Dept. for planning permission around 10th May. The kids will form and join a club and then it is hoped they will only have to pay a few pence to get in, which will go towards the upkeep of the bowl.



FACTS! In the UK an average of 37% of the women aged between 16-60 go out to work. In Tameside a massive 71% go out to work!

R.A.R. Concert
Friday 28th April Concord Suite
Droylsden

"Geriatric hooligans" in Town Hall riot...

WEB CALLS FOR 3 MONTH BAN ON ALL MEETINGS

THE VIOLENT SCENES WHICH DISRUPTED A RECENT TAMESIDE COUNCIL DEBATE ON LAW & ORDER DURING WHICH AGED COUNCILLORS THREW JUGS OF WATER, THREATENED FISTICUFFS AND CALLED EACH OTHER SILLY NAMES MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO HAPPEN AGAIN!!
FREE SPEECH IS ONE THING, BUT THE WANTON HOOLIGANISM OF THESE POLITICALLY MOTIVATED EXTREMISTS IS QUITE ANOTHER. LAW, ORDER AND PROPERTY MUST BE PRESERVED.
SO, WEB CALLS UPON GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE SUPREMO CHIEF CONSTABLE JAMES (PORNO)ANDERTON TO INVOKE THE PUBLIC ORDER ACT OF 1936 AND BAN ALL TAMESIDE COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST THREE MONTHS OR UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE HOME SECRETARY CAN BE PREVAILED UPON TO BAN TAMESIDE COUNCIL ALTOGETHER. ACT NOW 'PORNO' BEFORE IT'S FAR TOO LATE. RID US OF THESE EVIL MEN OF VIOLENCE.

FOR A SLIGHTLY MORE SERIOUS VIEW OF THOSE EVENTS SEE BELOW.

Anderton: Should he be sacked?

THE THING WHICH GOT OUR COUNCILLORS INTO A TIZZY WAS A LEAFLET DRAWN UP BY TAMESIDE'S TRADES UNION COUNCIL MAKING A NUMBER OF GRAVE ALLEGATIONS ABOUT MANCHESTER'S POLICE SUPREMO, CHIEF CONSTABLE JAMES ANDERTON, AND CALLING FOR HIS DISMISSAL.
WEB NOW PRINTS THOSE ALLEGATIONS IN FULL BECAUSE NO OTHER NEWSPAPER IN THE AREA HAS YET DARED TO DO SO.

The Trades Council leaflet accuses Chief Constable Anderton.....

● Of turning Hyde into a 'mini-Belfast' on the day of Martin Webster's solo National Front march through the town centre, by erecting road blocks, stopping all traffic, randomly searching vehicles and public, and taking photographs of people opposed to Webster for purposes of "recording" and "identification".

● Of 'openly collaborating' with the neo-Nazi N.F. in mounting marches in Manchester after they had been banned in Tameside. Of failing to give prior warning of these marches to residents or to the City Council.

● Of giving N.F. coaches a high-speed police escort through the city in contravention of normal traffic regulations.

spikes

● Of permitting the N.F. to march wearing illegal paramilitary uniforms, carrying clubs and spikes and failing to disarm and arrest the offenders despite repeated requests by Trade Unionists that they should do so.

guns

● Of mounting an armed police manouvre in Collyhurst, Manchester, two weeks after Websters march through Hyde, again without consulting the Council. An area of condemned housing was cordoned off, passers by were stopped and searched and armed police opened fire in deserted flats "causing considerable fear, confusion, and downright inconvenience to local citizens without good cause."

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● Of causing a Gynaecological service at Tameside Hospital to be withdrawn on a legal technicality, thus depriving Tameside women of a quick and safe method of menstrual extraction before full-scale abortion becomes necessary. (see P.2)

porn

● Of 'hounding' respectable newsagents for selling magazines which have been openly displayed for years without previous challenge.

● Of banning the University student Rag-day march.

rag

The Rag March had raised money for worthy charities for years.

● Of suggesting, in public, that ordinary citizens should be finger printed and carry identity cards.

IN VIEW OF ALL THESE THINGS TAMESIDE TRADES COUNCIL FEEL JUSTIFIED IN CALLING FOR ANDERTONS DISMISSAL.
WHAT DO YOU THINK ?

UMN THAT YOU IN KNOW

Snoopers: Now its Tameside's turn

FOLLOWING REVELATIONS IN WEB 8 OF HOUSING DEPT. PLANS TO COLLECT MORE INFORMATION ON COUNCIL TENANTS AND CLASSIFY THEM AS "HIGH" OR "LOW" STANDARD. THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES PUBLISHED OUR ARTICLE IN ITS MONTHLY NEWS SHEET "RIGHTS" AND WROTE A LETTER OF PROTEST TO TAMESIDE.

We were not surprised to hear though, that Tameside have, so far, not replied to the letter. But the N. C. C. L. -says the General Secretary Ms. Patricia Hewitt - will be trying again, So, we will be looking for further developments.

Meanwhile though, there is more snooping afoot.
It seems that Tameside is not satisfied with more information on its tenants, but wants more on its employees too!

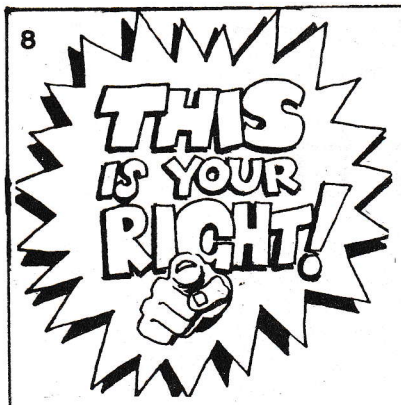
Personnel Officer at Tameside - Mr. Shaw - is busily 'extending the range of information' collected on employees.

Though careful to stress his concern for security and the degree of consultation going on with individual employees, Mr. Shaw was unwilling to say exactly what extra information was being collected.
An attitude that can only arouse suspicion.
WEB informants suggest however, that information collected so far is fairly innocuous, and Unions have - says Mr. Shaw - been consulted.
But, at least one Union, NUPE, is concerned and it's newly formed Tameside branch is at present seeking more information from Mr. Shaw about the whole business.

ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION BANK IS A POTENTIAL THREAT TO INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY, HOWEVER WELL MEANING AND SECURITY CONSCIOUS ITS MANAGERS ARE. SO, WEB WILL BE KEEPING AN EYE ON THE ACTIVITIES OF TAMESIDE'S PERSONNEL DEPT. IN THE FUTURE.

Speculating gels

WEB was surprised to read a report in Tameside's oldest rag of a Stock Exchange speculation game being played by a group of sixth form girls at Fairfield High School.
What happens is, the girls start with an imaginary sum of money and then have to increase this capital by judicious buying and selling on the basis of Financial Times reports.
The group which makes the most money wins the game.
Should our schools really be encouraging this sort of thing?
After all, stock exchange speculation is little more than institutionalised daylight robbery and has been known - for example in America in 1929 - to cause financial crashes which resulted in untold misery for millions of ordinary people.
WEB wonders if the Reporter or indeed the headmistress of Fairfield High would have looked so favourably upon a teacher letting her pupils play some sort of strike game? Or would this be different?
To test this out, Bert Ellicott, secretary of Tameside Trades Council - and the man all local Tories love to hate - has offered to devise just such a strike game for the amusement, and education, of pupils and teachers at Fairfield High.
Any takers ?



FAMILY PLANNING

Family Planning advice and contraception is available FREE to everyone, married or not, over the age of 16.

If you want advice there are two ways of seeking it.

You can go to your own G. P. He will probably give you the address of the local Family Planning Clinic. Or, you can go directly to the clinic - the nearest for the West End is the Crickets Lane clinic, where family planning advice is given on Monday evenings 6.45 - 8.30 p.m. Call in or 'phone 061 330 2560 during the Monday evening session for an appoint ment.

This is a free service, available to all adults under the National Health, and it is confidential.

At the clinic you will be examined by a nurse, and you can discuss with the doctor which method of contraception is best suited to your needs. The clinic will give you free supplies (e.g. sheaths, cap, spermicidal jellies, pessaries, IUD, the pill) You should go back regularly for check-ups, especially if you are on the pill.

The clinic also gives advice to those wanting to become pregnant and free pregnancy tests.

If you are under 16 years of age, a doctor will only prescribe contraceptives after consultation with your parents.

If you are dissatisfied with the advice or treatment you are given at a family planning clinic you are free to transfer to a different one - there are 7 or 8 in Tameside.

Mrs Riding Comes a CROPPERdist

Mrs. Riding of Birch St. is aged 88, Her toenails were getting so long she was finding it very difficult to walk.

The home help referred her to the Audenshaw Clinic for a Chiropodist to visit her at home. Weeks went by and nothing was heard. A friend rang up the clinic and was told that she was eighth on the list. More weeks went by until another friend rang up to find out that in fact she was eighth on the WAITING LIST TO GET ONTO THE WAITING LIST ! and that the first on the waiting list had been on the list since June 1977, and was still waiting so, it looked as though Mrs. Riding would be celebrating her 90th birthday before she got anywhere near a chiropodist. Meanwhile, her toenails were still growing.

Her friend spent two whole mornings on the telephone being pitched between clinics in Ashton, Stalybridge, Dukinfield and Audenshaw until in the end an appointment was finally confirmed in Dukinfield and Mrs. Riding was taken up there. Now that her feet have been seen to she has been transferred to the Ashton clinic.

Let's hope for her sake, and many more like her, she doesn't find herself on the waiting list to get onto the waiting list to get onto the.....etc.

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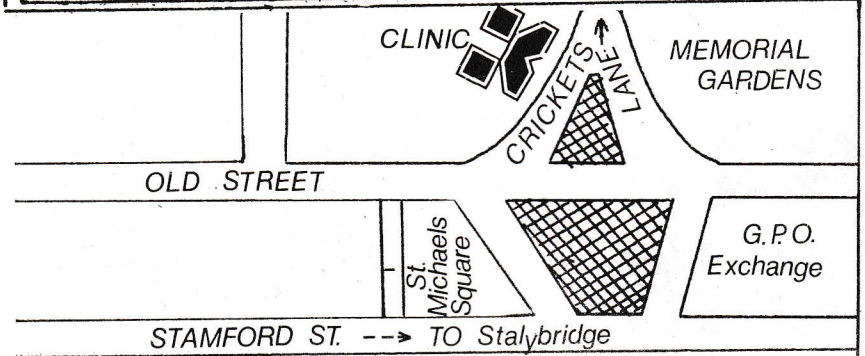


Crickets Lane Clinic –: 330 2560

DONELON DEATHTRAP

The latest in a long string of accidents caused by Donelon Bros. holes occurred at about 1 a.m. on 8th April when a car piled-up at the barrier on Manchester Rd. at Smith St. junction.
A WEB man-on-the-spot noted that of the six company warning lamps around the hole only one was in any sort of working order, and that was only producing a faint flicker. Luckily the driver was unhurt.
This is the second such accident in a month, the cause in this case was the same as the first, poor lighting.
Before that, the son of West End Naturalist Dave Copeland had a nasty fall into a hole on Stockport Rd. because someone had forgotten to lock the gate in the protective fence.

THESE, AND A HOST OF MINOR ACCIDENTS IN AND AROUND DONELON BROS. HOLES ARE CAUSING SERIOUS CONCERN AMONGST WEST ENDERS THAT DONELON BROS. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS ARE NOT SO MUCH INSUFFICIENT AS VIRTUALLY NON-EXISTENT. THEY NEED TO BE TIGHTENED UP, AND QUICK, BEFORE SOMEONE IS KILLED.

TAMESIDE EYE CONT.

Deans

In WEB 9 we published details of the dubious rental mortgage activities of the Deans, a prominent Hyde Business family.
We now hear that Manchester Law Centre, in collaboration with Manchester City Council are preparing a dossier on rental mortgage activities in Gorton involving, amongst others - guess who- the Dean family!
It seems that the activities of the Deans are not confined to Tameside but spread in a spiders web all over Greater Manchester, so much so in fact that they are probably the biggest operators of that kind of 'business' in the area.
WATCH THIS SPACE FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

Abortion

cont. from Pg. 2.

had not been pregnant. The complaint was upheld as a cause for prosecution by the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Now, a service which is operated in other parts of the country has been withdrawn from Tameside - a service which made abortion less dangerous and traumatic for women, and less costly and complicated for the hospital.
Greater Manchester NAC (National Abortion Campaign) are giving support to local women's groups who plan to picket the hospital on 20th May. Any other support is welcome.
Meet at John St. Community Centre, 11.30 a.m.
There will be a film, discussion and leaflets about abortion at the Trades Council May Day Rally, 29th April, Hyde Town Hall.

IN A TAVERN IN THE CITY OF NUKOR, TO THE EAST, TERRA-SAR, BARBARIAN PRINCESS OF THE WEST, IS ABOUT TO BE REUNITED WITH HER TWO SISTERS, HEDAR AND SHEDAR...
BY THE DEVIL'S ARMPIT!
YES, TERRA-SAR! IT IS US! WE HAVE TRAVELLED MANY MILES IN SEARCH OF THEE, AND NOW WE HAVE FOUND THEE!
AND HEDAR TOLD HER STORY AGAIN, OF THE SEIGE OF THEIR HOMELAND, THEIR FATALLY WOUNDED FATHER, AND HOW THEY MUST ALL RETURN TO LEAD THEIR PEOPLE AGAINST THE HORDES OF THE SOUTH, AND TERRA-SAR LISTENED...
CHRONICLES of PELADOR
OF COURSE I MUST COME WITH THEE! BUT THERE ARE THOSE WHO WOULD PREVENT ME LEAVING! I HAVE MADE ENEMIES, CERTAIN PEOPLE OF WHOM I AM IN DEBT! WE MUST BE DESCREET IN OUR DEPARTURE!
MINUTES LATER, THE FOUR ARE OUTSIDE AT THE STABLES, SADDLEING FRESH HORNA'S, THOSE STRANGE STEEDS OF PELADOR! WHILE GORTOO; TERRA-SAR'S PET TRIGER, SENSES AN APPROACHING DANGER...
WHAT AILS THEE GORTOO?
NOT PLANNING TO LEAVE US EH, TERRA-SAR? NOT WHEN YE STILL OWE ME TWO HUNDRED JUBEES, AND M' FRIENDS HERE ABOUT TWICE THE AMOUNT?

Fat can be beautiful but as often as not it can be unhealthy as well.

weigh it up

People with weight problems (which in our sticky bun and bitter world is nearly everybody) are more likely to have heart trouble and thrombosis. So, if you want to lose some weight and have given up in despair, here's a before and after story about a local woman who did lose weight, and how, by way of encouragement.

BEFORE

13 years ago Janet Forrester of Marlborough St. weighed 13½stone after having her first baby, and fed herself on all her favourite things like pies and puddings. After a few years of being overweight Janet's determination set in. She joined the local weight watchers, gave up the pies and puddings and bit by bit the weight came off.

AFTER

Janet now weighs 8½ stone and is all the more healthy for it. BUT - warns Janet - the beginning was the hardest part and only sheer determination got her weight down.
So come on - men and women both - take a look at Janet before and after and then see how much determination you've got!

NATURES WEB

TREE SURVEY

Since the last issue of WEB, a tree survey was carried out on our behalf.
The idea of the survey was to find out how many trees there are in the West End.
Believe it or not, there are over 1250 beautiful trees in our area. St. Peter's Church and St. Paul's Centre share 200 between them. And the parks, Oxford and West End, have about 360 between them.
Most of the trees were surprisingly found in private gardens - and contrary to popular belief we DO have some roadside trees. All 28 of them.
So, if we assume that there are roughly 2,500 homes in the area that makes it a tree every two homes. We noticed that a certain vicar has 126 trees in his garden, but them we would nt fancy having to cut all his grass!
Perhaps the most rewarding part of the whole survey was to find that out of a total of 165 saplings planted, only 10 were found to have been destroyed.

THIS IS AN ADVERTISEMENT

TAMESIDE ELECTIONS MAY 4th.

VOTE LABOUR

Market and St Michaels' Ward.	LES GREENOUGH	X
St. Peters' and Portland Place Ward	FRANK RUFFLEY	X
Hurst East Ward.	GLYN FORD	X

Published by John Evans, 10, Ullswater Avenue, Ashton.

Letters

Dear Web,

So, Councillor Grantham has threatened our teachers with the sack if they take down the Queen's Jubilee picture.
I agree whole heartedly with Mr. Grantham that the Queen's Jubilee should be remembered, but not with pictures.
The money should have been divided equally between red, white and blue TARMAC to fill in all the potholes in Tameside. And, as our roads don't seem to be repaired very often the tarmac, and our Queen, would be remembered and appreciated for many years to come.
Yours Truly,
G. CRAVEN.

P.S. And Councillors wonder why we joke about them!

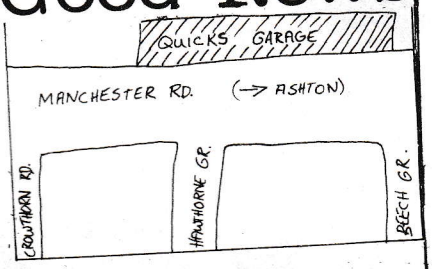
Act Now

DEAR WEB

Regarding the Councillors of Ashton. They ought to wake up and take positive action in the interests of the community.

Take, for instance, the waste ground in front of my house. This is a real eyesore. What are they doing about it? Nothing. All they have to offer when one approaches them is lip-service. The lay abouts in the Town Hall offices will take no notice when people complain and it is the Councillors' duty to sack them if they cannot give efficient service.
Yours faithfully,
G. Crotty
4 Kelvin St. AUL.

Good News



Residents of Hawthorn and Beech Groves have been trying for years to get something done about the state of their roads. The roads are unadopted, but it is not fair when they pay the same rates (more in some cases) as Smith St., who have a road, street lamps and pavements.
At last it looks as though someone might be listening. After a meeting Mr. Pettit and Mr. Baldwin recognised our plight. In a recent telephone call Mr. Baldwin said that 'landscaping' would be done to stop the path to Smith St. getting flooded. They would put some more surfacing down to level the potholes and a street lamp in each Grove. We can expect this done within the next couple of months.

Confused

Confusion amongst the West Park Tenants Association. They are trying to find out what is happening to the old mill on the site behind the Waggon & Horses. In a letter from the Administration Dept. in February the Association is told that 'The building is being acquired by our Estates Dept. and according to their Building Control Officer will be demolished when the transfer is complete!'
A month later the Administration Dept. have written saying that 'the owner is not interested in selling the premises to the council.'
No wonder they're confused!

POEM

TUNE TO DIRTY OLD TOWN

I came to look around Ashton town
Dreamed a dream that help could be found
Found a boy playing in Trafalgar Square
Don't let us down Oh Ashton town.

Saw a girl come out to play
Nowhere to go she looked my way
She wiped her face with a mucky hand
Nowhere to go, where does she stand?

I'm going to write a big thick book
To say we need you, come and take a look
With lots of pages for you to read
Of things we want and things we need.

Now I've looked around West End
Help to us I hope you'll send
And my friends I'm sure you'll all agree
Ashton means as much to you as it does to me.

J. S.

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SEND IN THE GIRLS

The cream of the Ashton and district lady's pool league were beaten by our very own girls from the West End.
The ladies pool team from St. Peter's Liberal Club are Cpt. Iris Palmer-Barnes, Vic Cpt. Sue Lees, Treasurer Brenda Grady, Joan Moores, Sue Moores, Brenda Dinsdale, Joan Copland, Sybil Bell, Jean Stone, Jean Maher and Mary Day.

The team played 20 games - won 16 and lost only 4.
The presentation of the league trophy will be on 12th May at the Poco Poco club in Stockport.

SEEDS & WEEDS

Planting time is here again, so just a few tips to guide you along.
Potatoes. The ideal size seed potato should be 2" wide and $2\frac{1}{4}$" long. Anything less that this will not supply enough food for good root etc.
Don't be fooled by the weather. We've had a long winter and the ground will take some time to warm up. (cold ground is no place for your seed). About mid-May is quite soon enough to plant.
Remember not to grow the same crop in the same ground year after year, as different plants take different food out of the ground.
If you are short of ground remember you can catch crop with lettuce, raddish etc.
All this means is that you plant raddish etc. in between your potatoes - these will have been picked by the time your potatoes need earthing up.
Good gardening until next issue.
P.S. Keep those weeds down because of the old saying 'One years weeds is seven years seeds'

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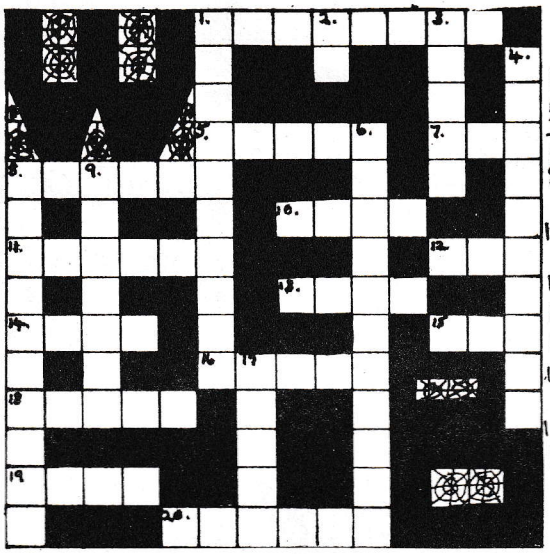
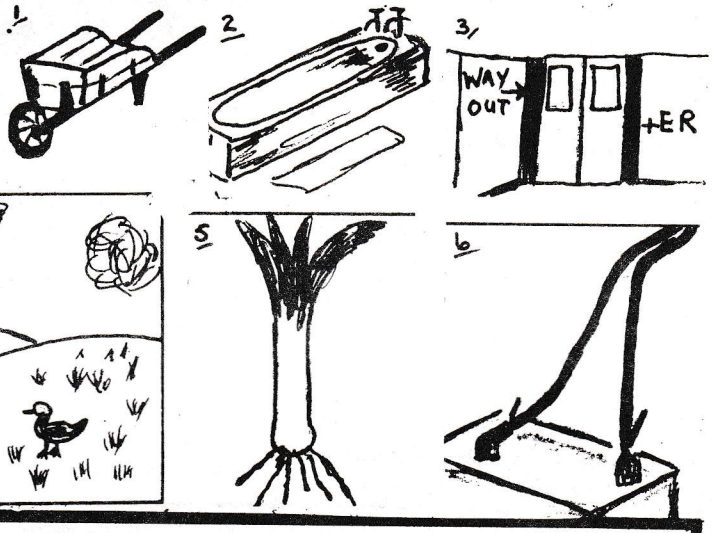


CLUES.

ACROSS.
1. FOR COOKING.
5. OF SHEEP.
7. A COLLECTION.
8. 4-WHEELED CARRIAGE.
10. NAME FOR BUDGIE.
11. REAL.
12. OWNS.
13. EIGHT.
14. OTHER NAME FOR IRELAND
15. BOYS NAME.
16. BOREDOM.
18. SUMMER FOOD
19. WITHIN.
20. A DISEASE.

DOWN.
1. DISGUISE
2. OPPOSITE OF OUT.
3. REGAIN HEALTH
4. BECOME WIDER
6. MAGNETISM
8. CONTROL
9. NATURE
17. A FLEET.

CAN YOU GUESS THESE PLACE NAMES?



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